

HA-1587
FRAME TENANT HOUSE

Level
Private

SUMMARY

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frame Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(S.Side) Level Road

CITY, TOWN

Level

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ophelia Day

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1111 Hanson Road

CITY, TOWN

Edgewood

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21040**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 995

Folio #: 177

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame duplex began as a 1-1/2 story dwelling with a kitchen lean-to. The original section is the east half of the building and was essentially a one up/one down plan with the principal room being approximately 31' X 23'. The original section sits upon a fieldstone foundation; there is no cellar.

The addition and modern alterations obscure the original appearance of the dwelling. Whitewashed clapboards seen beneath the stairs of "section B" prove not only that the dividing wall of the duplex was an original exterior west end but suggests as well a period of much simpler and neater appearance. The little house was three bays wide with a centrally located north entrance. The east end had but one bay vented by a 6/6 sash window. An exterior chimney that may have served a fireplace occupied the west gable end. There may have been a window in the north side of the chimney in the first level (where connecting door is located) and there was a casement window on the south side at the upper level.

The kitchen wing seems to be original and is well lighted by an asymmetrical system of window-door-window.

The upper story is reached by enclosed string stairs located in the north-east corner of the main room. The upper level is characterized by the trapezoidal tray ceilings and knee-windows.

Since the two halves are built of similar post-machine materials and there are no available tax records for most of the 19th Century in Harford County it is difficult to say exactly when the house was enlarged. It would appear to have been added to in the 19th Century, however, and the enlargement exactly doubled its original size.

HISTORY

The chain of title for this property takes it back to Proctor ownership. The construction materials are compatible for this time although they probably do not date from any earlier. The 1858 Atlas for Harford County shows a 'building' and a on this site.

On August 6, 1980 the occupant of section "B" was met; his only name offered is "Ham". Ham is 75 years old, he will be 76 in a few weeks. He is taller than my 5'8-1/2", he has a full, long and wavy gray and yellow beard.

Ham is among the friendliest men I've ever met. He speaks with a N. Carolina "hillbilly" accent, smiles often, is quick and experienced and anxious to relate his experiences. He has only lived in this house one year (it is government subsidised low income housing) and is not necessarily one of its aspects, but he is one of Harford County's historical resources.

That this area has had immigrants like the State and Nation of which we are a part is an important aspect of Harford County's growth. Ham was a coal miner from West Virginia and North Carolina who came here for work early in the 20th century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

See continuation sheet #1

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Nield II, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

Aug., 1980

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 x 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

He's been a carpenter, he's been a welders assistant at one of the local quarries, and he used to drive a team hauling the milk from the Jewett Farm (HA-).

Ham remarks of having "always been stout" as he describes a long and difficult medical history. Since age 20 he has dealt with TB and a collapsed lung, heart disease, cancer of the prostate gland, and skin cancer. He says he once had his nose cut off and replaced and that his magnificent beard is the result of trying to hide the scars of his face. He is not bitter; he is among my friendliest informants.

Hams recollections of mining coal as a teenager in the 1920's are valuable. They include fear, explosions, the sounds of cracking timbers and the descriptions of the hand-process of taking coal in the first quarter of this century.

Coal mining was the most important industry in the place of his beginning but in Harford County Ham was active in this areas biggest and most historic industry, dairy farming.

Title Search

1. 995/177	Mar 31, 1967	Grantor: Walter Jenkins Grantee: Oshelia Day Acreage: 2.72 ac. on Old Level Rd. part of previous deed.
2. 295/389	May 3, 1946	Grantor: Myrtle Carsin and Frank Wagner Grantee: Walter Jenkins & wf. Acreage: 7.87 ac. S.E. of S. at Level on Rd. to Havre de Grace part of "Cowens Neighbor"
3. 242/90	Aug. 11, 1936	Grantor: Eldrige and Nadine Young Grantee: Myrtle Carsin
4. 176/42	Sept 23, 1921	Grantor: Heirs of Rebecca Sheridan Wm. P. Sheridan & wf. et al Grantee: Jennie Carlile Acreage: 10 acres at "Hopewell Crossroads" part of "Cowens Neighbor"
5. 60/329	June 29, 1988	Grantor: Jas. H. Gallim and wife Grantee: Rebecca A. Sheridan Acreage: 10 acres on south side of Havre de Grace Road at Hopewell X Roads Sum: \$1200
6. 17/330	April 19, 1966	Grantor: Jon. W. Ruth et al Grantee: Jon. W. Mitchell Sum: \$1200 formerly owned by Henry Spence
7. 845/108	May 15, 1970	Grantor: Zero Inc. Grantee: Jerry Gilbert and Wf. Bessie Acreage: Parcel #2-two lots in Hopewell from Wm. L. Foard
8. 603/301	Oct. 17, 1962	Grantor: Wm. L. Foard Grantee: Granville C. Boyle Acreage: Parcel #2 being the same land described in Equity May 2, 1888 in which A. Preston Gilbert trustee sold land to Albert H. Bowman who sold it to Edson H. Foard..... 5/8 ac.

Title Search - Continuation Sheet #1

9. 45/229	April 5, 1882	Grantor: Thomas Robinson and Priscilla Grantee: Edson H. Foard Acreage: 2 ac. on North side of road in Hopewell called "Hughes Choice"
10. 20/91	February 24, 1868	Grantor: J. Merryman Proctor Grantee: Thos. Robinson

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Bra Jenkins' House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

West side of Old Level Road about 0.2

CITY OR TOWN:

Level

mi. south of Level at Rock
Run
Road

STATE

Md

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Bra W. Jenkins

STREET AND NUMBER:

RFD

CITY OR TOWN:

Havre de Grace

STATE:

Md

21078

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER:

Harford County Courthouse to S. Main ST

CITY OR TOWN:

Bel Air

STATE:

Md

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house, covered with ugly asphalt Shingles, is of pegged hand-beam frame construction in both sections. The large central chimney rises from a cooking fire place still having its large crane.

Two stories, oblong, 3 bays by 1 plus 3 by 1, the house faces east, the A roof/ridgeline runs north-south. windows have 6 lights over 6.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

removal of
 Perhaps the layers of asphalt shingles
 and tarpaper would reveal whether
 this house was two put together, and
 whether brick was filled in the frame
 construction. Early in the
 manner of construction if not very
 early in fact.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

*Marshall's Map of Harford County shows this as
belonging to B. F. Ruth in 1878.*

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION	JEAN S. EWING MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 94 COLLEGE AVE. ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

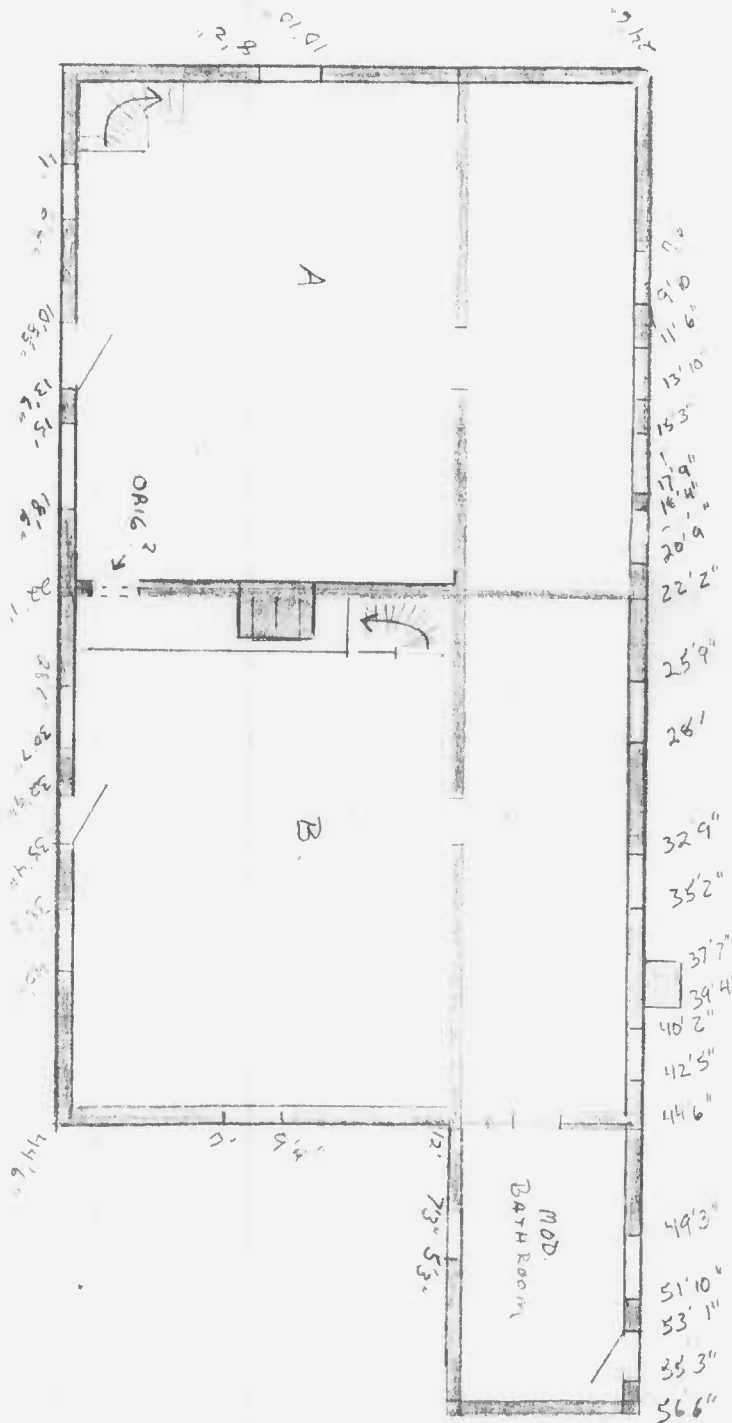
Date _____

BY 22/1 DATE 8/7/70
CHKD. BY MA-1587 DATE _____

SUBJECT Supply
Level Village

SHEET NO. _____ OF _____
JOB NO. _____

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HA-1587
Ira Jenkins House (Frame Tenant House)
Harford County Dept. of Planning Map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990

Historic Area Maryland

Schoolhouse

HA-1587



HA-1587

Frame Duplex Tenant House
Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 6/80

Converted house on grounds

S.E. elevation



HA-1587

Frame Duplex Tenant House

Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 6/80

North